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9/11 terror attacks reverberate as U.S. marks 21st anniversary



A police officer patrols outside of a ceremony to commemorate the 21st anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, Sunday, Sept. 11, 2022, at the National September 11 Memorial & Museum in New York.

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NEW YORK (AP) — Americans remembered 9/11 on Sunday with tear-choked tributes and pleas to "never forget," 21 years after the deadliest terror attack on U.S. soil. The loss still felt immediate to Bonita Mentis, who wore a necklace with a photo of her slain sister, Shevonne Mentis.

"It's been 21 years, but it's tinue working to root out

not 21 years for us. It seems like just yesterday," she said before reading victims' names at the World Trade Center to a crowd that included Vice President Kamala Harris and husband Doug Emhoff.

At the Pentagon, which also was targeted on 9/11, President Joe Biden vowed that the U.S. would continue working to root out

terrorist plots and called on Americans to stand up for "the very democracy that guarantees the right to freedom that those terrorists on 9/11 sought to bury in the burning fire, smoke and ash." First lady Jill Biden spoke at the third attack site, a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

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On Sept. 11, 2001, conspirators from the al-Qaida Muslim militant group seized control of jets to use them as passenger-filled missiles, hitting the trade center's twin towers and the Pentagon. The fourth plane was headed for Washington but crashed near Shanksville after crew members and passengers tried to storm the cockpit.

The attacks killed nearly 3,000 people, reconfigured national security policy and spurred a U.S. "war on terror" worldwide. Sunday's observances came little more than a month after a U.S. drone strike killed a key al-Qaida figure who helped plot 9/11, Ayman al-Zawahri.



Firefighters salute each other outside the FDNY Engine 10, Ladder 10 fire station near the commemoration ceremony on the 21st anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terror attacks on Sunday, Sept. 11, 2022 in New York.

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Pierre Roldan, who lost his cousin Carlos Lillo, a paramedic, said "we had some form of justice" when a U.S. raid killed Osama bin Laden in 2011.

"Now that al-Zawahri is gone, at least we're continuing to get that justice," Roldan said.

The self-proclaimed mastermind of the attacks, Kha-

lid Shaikh Mohammed, still awaits a long-postponed military tribunal. An attorney for one of Mohammed's co-defendants this week confirmed ongoing negotiations toward a potential agreement to avoid a trial and impose lesser but still lengthy sentences. The Sept. 11 attacks stirred

— for a time — a sense of national pride and unity for many, while also subjecting Muslim Americans to years of suspicion and bigotry and engendering debate over the balance between safety and civil liberties. In ways both subtle and plain, the aftermath of 9/11 ripples through American politics and public life to this day.

But like some other victims' relatives, Jay Saloman fears that Americans' consciousness of 9/11 is receding.

"It was a terrorist attack against our country that day. And theoretically, everybody should remember it and, you know, take precautions and watch out," said Saloman, who lost his brother, Wayne Saloman.

By tradition, no political figures speak at the ground zero ceremony. The observance centers, instead, on relatives reading aloud the names of the dead.

Like a growing number of readers, Brooke Walsh-DiMarzio wasn't born yet when her relative died. But she took the podium to honor her grandmother, Barbara Walsh.

"I'm here today to represent generation 9/12, those who never experienced 9/11 but still suffer the aftermath of it," Walsh-DiMarzio said. "We will never, ever forget."

Nikita Shah wore a T-shirt that bore the de facto epigraph of the annual commemoration — "never forget" — and the name of her father, Jayesh Shah. She was 10 when he was killed.

The family later moved to Houston but often returns to New York for the anniversary to be "around people who kind of experienced the same type of grief and the same feelings after 9/11," said Shah. Readers often add pers

Readers often add personal remarks that form an alloy of American sentiments about Sept. 11 — grief, anger, toughness, appreciation for first responders and the military, appeals to patriotism, hopes for peace, occasional political barbs, and a poignant accounting of the graduations, weddings, births and daily lives that victims have missed.

A few readers note recent events, this year ranging from the still ongoing coronavirus pandemic to Russia's war in Ukraine.

Some relatives also lament that a nation which came together — to some extent — after the attacks has since splintered apart. Federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies, which were reshaped to focus on international terrorism after 9/11, now see the threat of domestic violent extremism as equally urgent.

"It took a tragedy to unite us. It should not take another tragedy to unite us again," said Andrew Colabella, whose cousin, John DiGiovanni, died in the 1993 bombing World Trade Center bombing that presaged 9/11.

Communities around the country marked the day with candlelight vigils, interfaith services and other commemorations, some Americans joined in volunteer projects. Others observed the anniversary with their own reflections. More than 70 of Sekou Siby's co-workers perished at Windows on the World, the restaurant atop the trade center's north tower. He had the day off because another cook asked him to switch shifts.

"Every 9/11 is a reminder of what I lost that I can never recover," says Siby, now president of ROC United, a restaurant workers' advocacy group. He said ahead of the anniversary that the attacks made him wary of becoming attached to people when "you have no control over what's going to happen to them next."





Weather helping, but threat from Western fires persists

FORESTHILL, Calif. (AP) — Firefighters made progress against a huge Northern California wildfire that was still growing and threatening thousands of mountain homes on Sunday, while crews also battled major blazes that blanketed large swaths of Oregon and Washington in smoke.

The Mosquito Fire in foothills east of Sacramento spread to nearly 65 square miles (168 square kilometers), with 10% containment, according to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, or Cal Fire.

"Cooler temperatures and higher humidity assisted with moderating some fire activity," but higher winds allowed the flames to push to the north and northeast, according to a Cal Fire incident report Sunday.

More than 5,800 structures in Placer and El Dorado counties were under threat and some 11,000 residents of communities including Foresthill and Georgetown were under evacuation or-

In Southern California, cooler temperatures and rain brought respite to firefighters battling the massive Fairview Fire about 75 miles (121 kilometers) southeast of Los Angeles after sweltering heat last week.

44-square-mile The (114-square-kilometer) blaze was 45% contained



Firefighter Trapper Gephart of Alaska's Pioneer Peak Interagency Hotshot crew takes a drink while battling the Mosquito Fire in the Volcanoville community of El Dorado County, Calif., on Friday, Sept. 9, 2022.

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Sunday. The fire has destroyed at least 30 homes and other structures in Riverside County. Two people died while fleeing flames last Monday.

The southern part of the state welcomed the cooler weekend weather as a tropical storm veered off the Pacific Coast and faded, helping put an end to blistering temperatures that nearly overwhelmed the state's electrical grid.

Thunderstorms and the risk of flooding persisted in mountainous areas of greater Los Angeles on Sunday. But after Hurricane

Kay made landfall in Mexico last week it quickly was downgraded and weakened further until it largely disappeared, forecasters said. To the north, remnants of Kay caused flooding Saturday that stranded about 40 vehicles and closed a stretch of State Route 190 in Death Valley National Park. The park was still cleaning up from floods five weeks ago that closed many key roads.

In Washington state, fire officials were scrambling to secure resources in the battle against a blaze sparked Saturday in the remote Ste-

vens Pass area that sent hikers fleeing and forced evacuations of mountain communities. There was no containment Sunday of the Bolt Creek Fire, which had scorched nearly 12 square miles (31 square kilometers) of forestland about an hour and a half east of Seattle.

"The fire will continue to advance in areas that will be unstaffed. With limited resources, only point protection will be in place while resources continue to mobilize to the fire," said a Sunday morning incident

California's Mosquito Fire

has covered a large portion of the Northern Sierra region with smoke. California health officials urged people in affected areas to stay indoors where possible. Organizers of the Tour de Tahoe canceled the annual 72-mile (115-km) bicycle ride scheduled Sunday around Lake Tahoe because of the heavy smoke from the blaze more than 50 miles (80 km) away. Last year's ride was canceled because of smoke from another big fire south of Tahoe.

The Mosquito Fire's cause remained under investigation. Pacific Gas & Electric said unspecified "electrical activity" occurred close in time to the report of the fire on Tuesday. Scientists say climate change has made the West warmer and drier over the last three decades and will continue to make weather more extreme and wildfires more frequent and destructive. In the last five years, California has experienced the largest and most destructive fires in state history.

And the rest of the West hasn't been immune. There were at least 18 large fires burning in Oregon and Washington, leading to evacuations and targeted power outages near Portland as the challenge of dry and windy conditions continued in the region.

Border Patrol halts tweets from agency's West Texas region

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — U.S. Customs and Border Protection has deactivated the agency's Twitter account for the West Texas region after it retweeted posts criticizing President Joe Biden's border policies and liked posts that made gay slurs against U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg. CBP Commissioner Chris Magnus posted a tweet late Saturday saying the agency "has become aware of unauthorized and inappropriposted on the @CBPWest-

Texas Twitter account. The rebuild a humane, orderly agency's Office of Professional Responsibility will investigate, Magnus said.

"This must not happen A human rights advocate again," his statement said. On Saturday, the account retweeted posts by Stephen Miller that criticized Biden's immigration polilent crime. Miller was the dent Donald Trump's hardline immigration policies.

and secure immigration system," Magnus said in a statement.

and a former immigration attorney posted tweets Saturday noting the account had retweeted Miller's criticisms and then cies and claimed the gov- looked back and found ernment was ignoring vio- other posts the account had liked. In October 2021, architect of former Presi- it was announced that 60 Border Patrol agents had committed misconduct "The tweets do not reflect by participating in a priate content" that was the values of this admin- vate Facebook group that istration and our work to mocked migrants and agents be fired, but only July 2019.



Migrants are processed by the Border Patrol after illegally crossing the Rio Grande river from Mexico into the U.S. at Eagle Pass, Texas, Friday, Aug. 26, 2022.

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South Dakota tribes buy land near Wounded Knee massacre site

By STEPHEN GROVES **Associated Press** SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) -

Two American Indian tribes in South Dakota have joined forces to purchase 40 acres around the Wounded Knee National Historic Landmark, the site of one of the deadliest massacres in U.S. history.

The Oglala Sioux and the Cheyenne River Sioux said the purchase of the land on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation was an act of cooperation to ensure the area was preserved as a sacred site. More than 200 Native Americans — including children and elderly people — were killed at Wounded Knee in 1890. The bloodshed marked a seminal moment in the frontier battles the U.S. Army waged against tribes. "It's a small step towards healing and really making sure that we as a tribe are protecting our critical areas and assets," Oglala Sioux Tribe President Kevin Killer told The Associated

The tribes agreed this week to petition the U.S. Department of the Interior to take the land into trust on behalf of both tribes. The Oglala Sioux tribe will pay \$255,000 and the Cheyenne River Sioux tribe will pay \$245,000 for the site, Indian Country Today reported. The title to the land will be held in the name of the Oglala Sioux



This Feb. 7, 2012 photo shows a cross on a grave at the Wounded Knee National Historic landmark in South Dakota.

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Marlis Afraid of Hawk, a member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe whose grandfather, Albert Afraid of Hawk, survived the 1890 massacre as a 13-year-old boy, said she was overjoyed to see the tribes take ownership. She said she carries on the oral tradition of telling her grandchildren how her grandfather survived by fleeing through a ravine after a rifle held by a U.S. calvary soldier failed to fire at him.

As a member of a group that represents the descendants of the massacre's survivors, she had initially raised objections to the Oglala Sioux Tribe's purchase of the land, but said the joint purchase made her feel "honored and grateful."

Members of the Oglala Sioux, Standing Rock Sioux, Rosebud Sioux and Cheyenne River Sioux tribes were all at Wounded Knee in 1890, Afraid of Hawk said. She hoped the site could be used for "education for the people who come and see the massacre site."

"They need to know the history. It needs to come through the true, true Lakota people," she said.

The tribes' agreement ends a decades-long dispute over ownership of a site that has figured largely in Indigenous people's struggles with the U.S. government. Jeanette Czywczynski became sole owner of the property after her husband, James, died in 2019. He had purchased the property in 1968.

The Czywczynski family operated a trading post and museum there until 1973. when American Indian Movement protesters occupied the site, destroying both the post and Czywczynski's home.

The 71-day standoff that left two tribal members dead and a federal agent seriously wounded led to heightened awareness about Native American

strugales and propelled a wider protest movement. The family moved away from the area and put the land up for sale, asking \$3.9 million for the 40-acre parcel nearest the massacre site even though the land. including an additional adjacent 40-acre plot, had been assessed at \$14,000. In 2013, film star Johnny Depp announced a plan to buy the property and donate it to the Oglala Sioux tribe. Depp, who played the role of Tonto in a remake of the film, "The Lone Ranger," was criticized for trying to capitalize on the film by making unsubstantiated claims of having Native American ancestry. Depp did not follow through on the purchase. Killer, the Oglala Sioux Tribe's president, said the tribe's resolution for the land purchase calls for it to be preserved as a sacred

Manny Iron Hawk, another member of the Wounded Knee Survivor's Association, said he saw the land acquisition as another step in the century-old Indian revival movement known as the Ghost Dance. The U.S. military was trying to suppress the Ghost Dance in 1890 after it had swept across Indigenous communities with a prophecy that colonial expansion would end and Native American communities would unite for prosperity.

Black preacher arrested while watering flowers sues police



This image captured from bodycam video released by the Childersburg (Ala.) Police Department and provided by attorney Harry Daniels shows Michael Jennings, right, in custody in Childersburg, Ala., on Sunday, May 22, 2022.

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BIRMINGHAM, **Ala.** (AP) — officers while watering the

A Black pastor who was flowers of a neighbor who arrested by white police was out of town filed a fed-

eral lawsuit alleging the ordeal violated his constitutional rights and caused lingering problems including emotional distress and anxiety. Michael Jennings filed the lawsuit Friday night against three officers and the central Alabama town of Childersburg requesting a jury trial and seeking an unspecified amount of money.

Jennings' lawyers held a news conference outside the Birmingham federal courthouse on Saturday to discuss the lawsuit, and the NAACP, the nation's oldest civil rights organization, and other groups planned a rally afterward at a downtown park. "I'm here for accountability, and I'm here for justice," Jennings told the news conference. The suit alleged the actions of Officers Christopher Smith and Justin Gable, Sgt. Jeremy Brooks and the city against unlawful arrest and guaranteeing free speech. He cited multiple continuing problems including post traumatic stress disorder and humiliation.

Childersburg city attorney Reagan Rumsey didn't return an email seeking com-

ment. Jennings, 56, was arrested in May after a white neighbor called 911 and said a "younger Black male" and gold SUV were at a house while the owners — who are friends of Jennings and had asked him to watch their home were away.

violated rights protecting Jennings identified himself as "Pastor Jennings" but refused to provide identification to the officers, who arrested him on a charge of obstructing government operations after a 20-minute confrontation that included raised voices on both sides.



Palestinian man left beaten, bloodied by Israeli police

JERUSALEM (AP) — A Palestinian man who is seen in an amateur video lying face down, bloody and motionless, as an Israeli policeman kneels on his neck, said Sunday that Israeli forces beat and detained him without provocation as he headed to pray at Jerusalem's chief Muslim shrine. Yousef Adi, 36, said that he suffered a broken nose and required four stitches on his forehead after last Thursday's beating nearby the Al Agsa mosque. The incident is the latest in a series of violent acts by Israeli police against Palestinians. Israeli police said the video distorted the facts and they had used "reasonable force."

Adi, a West Bank resident who works as a technician at Palestine TV, said he had all the necessary Israeli permits to enter Jerusalem. Inside the Old City, he said officers arbitrarily detained him and dragged him against a wall and began to beat him.

"I did nothing except shout at them to leave me alone and stay away from me," he said. "But then more policemen came and began hitting me everywhere on my body."



Yousef Adi, 36, shows his injuries at his apartment in the West Bank city of Ramallah, Sunday, Sept. 11, 2022.

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cial media appeared to show an officer from the Israeli border police pinning Adi's head to the ground with his knee. Adi is seen bleeding from his nose and hanging limply as police officers cuff him and move his apparently unconscious body. A pool of blood is visible on the ground.

Adi said the beatings continued and that he was eventually hospitalized.

The border police said the video did not tell the full story. It released a separate video of security camera footage that showed part of the events preceding Adi's arrest.

Although there is no sound, Adi can be seen arguing A video circulated on so- over being stopped near a

police barrier and appears to push an officer as he is detained. He also appears to be shouting and waving his arms frantically as they try to subdue him. The video, however, does not show the moments when he was beaten.

"Because of his violent behavior, the troops were forced to use reasonable force in order to subdue the suspect who ran wild and remove the threat his violent behavior posed," the police statement said. Tamir Paro, the force's spokesman, declined to answer any additional questions.

Adi said the following day he was fined 500 shekels (about \$150) and banned from entering Jerusalem for a month.

"I'm still suffering from the pain," he said. "My children, after seeing the video, wake up at night crying ... I need surgery on my nose. Who will pay for it?"

The border police is a paramilitary force that is often deployed to maintain order in tense areas, such as the Old City, or to quell unrest, and its officers have been targets of Palestinian attackers. At the same time, Palestinian and human rights groups accuse the force of frequently using excessive force and say officers are rarely punished for violent acts.

Last December, an AP photographer was beaten by a border policeman in an unprovoked attack, and two years ago, an autistic Palestinian man was killed by a border policeman in the Old City. Israeli authorities say that shooting was a tragic mistake, and an officer has been charged with reckless homicide in the case.

Earlier Sunday, a Palestinian man who was wounded in a firefight with Israeli troops in the occupied West Bank last week died of his injuries, Palestinian health officials

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USAID head urges crisis-hit Sri Lanka to tackle corruption



USAID Administrator Samantha Power, right, speaks as US ambassador to Sri Lanka Julie Chung watches during a media conference in Colombo, Sri Lanka, Sunday, Sept. 11, 2022.

Associated Press

By KRISHAN FRANCIS **Associated Press** COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP)

 A visiting U.S. diplomat on Sunday urged Sri Lankan authorities to tackle corruption and introduce governance reforms alongside

efforts to uplift the country's economy as a way out of its worst crisis in recent memory. USAID Administrator Samantha Power told reporters that such moves will increase international and local trust in the government's intentions.

"Assistance alone would not put an end to this country's woes," Power said. "I stressed to the Sri Lankan president in my meeting earlier today that political reforms and political accountability must go hand in hand with economic reforms and economic accountability."

She said that international investor confidence will increase as the governsought governance reforms. "As citizens see the government visibly following through on the commitment to bring about meaningful change, that in turn increases societal support for the tough economic reforms ahead," she said.

During her two-day visit, Power announced a total of \$60 million in aid to Sri Lanka. After meetings with farmers' representatives at a rice field in Ja-Ela, outside of the capital Colombo on Saturday, she announced \$40 million to buy agrochemicals in time for the next cultivation season.

Agricultural yields dropped by more than half for the past two cultivation seasons because authorities ment tackles corruption had banned the imports of and proceeds with long chemical fertilizers ostensibly to promote organic farming. She said that according to the World Food Program, more than 6 million people — nearly 30% of Sri Lanka's population - are currently facing food insecurity and require humanitarian assistance.



Catalan separatists rally as movement frays 5 years on

By JOSEPH WILSON **Associated Press** BARCELONA, Spain (AP) —

Around 150,000 Catalan separatists rallied in Barcelona on Sunday, trying to reignite the independence movement that is fraying as it nears the five-year anniversary of its failed breakaway bid from Spain.

For the past decade, the Sept. 11 rally held on Catalonia's main holiday has been the focal point of the wealthy northeast region's separatist movement. It has drawn in several hundreds of thousands of people clamoring to create a new country in the western Mediterranean.

But the unity between proindependence political parties and the civil society groups that led the October 2017 independence push, which received no international support and was quickly quashed, is in danger of falling apart due to conflicting views on how to go forward.

The Catalan National Assembly (ANC), a civil group that organizes Sunday's march, is strongly opposed to the talks that the Catalan government is holding with Spain's central government in Madrid. The influential organization says it has lost faith in political parties and is ready to move on without them toward a new attempt at breaking with Spain.

That led Catalonia's re-



Men dressed in costume shoot their rifles during a performance to celebrate the Catalan National Day in Barcelona, Spain, Sunday, Sept. 11, 2022. Men dressed in costume shoot their rifles during a performance to celebrate the Catalan National Day in Barcelona, Spain, Sunday, Sept. 11, 2022.

Associated Press

gional president, Pere Aragonès, to become the first Catalan president to not attend the annual secessionist march.

Dolors Feliu, the president of ANC, told The Associated Press that she hopes Sunday's rally will serve as a wake-up call for Aragonès to cease negotiations with the central government.

"It has to be the people on the street and the institutions committed to independence who achieve independence and that the Spanish state will oppose us," Feliu said. "If we wait for the approval of the Spanish state, we won't get anywhere."

Barcelona's police calculated that 150,000 people attended the rally. Organizers claimed several hundred thousand more. Amid a sea of pro-independence flags, some marchers carried signs demanding Catalan authorities either make a "Declaration of Independence or Resign." Feliu told the huge crowd in Barcelona that "this rally has put the fear" presumably, in the separatist par-

"The people never fail to live up to the circumstances. Politicians fail. And the current Catalan government is failing," said Kevin Izaguirre, a 29-year-old store clerk attending the event.

Aragonès did participate in other events on the holiday, but other members of his Republican Left of Catalonia party endured jeers of "Traitors!" from spectators when they made the traditional offering of flowers at a monument to a Catalan nationalist in Barcelona.

"Let's not mistake who our real opponent is: the Spanish state," said Marta Vilalta, spokeswoman for Aragonès party. "Enough of criticism and anything that divides us."

Aragonès defends the talks with the government of Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez as vital. He insists that he won't renounce his pledge to hold another referendum on independence, but said the talks are crucial to finding solutions for the dozens of Catalans in legal trouble for their role in the 2017 breakaway bid that was ruled illegal by Spanish courts.

Coinciding with the talks, Spain's government issued pardons last year for nine Catalan separatist leaders who had been sentenced to long prison terms for leading the 2017 bid.

The infighting threatenina Catalonia's separatist cause comes while Scotland is seeking to hold a second independence referendum after the "No" vote won in 2014.

Catalan separatist parties won 52% of the vote last year and maintained their hold on the regional parliament, but after years of extreme tensions and protests that turned violent in 2019, many people, especially the roughly half of Catalans who want to remain a part of Spain, are relieved that there is a dialogue

with central authorities.

There are divisions also between the separatist political parties that form Catalonia's government. The junior member of Aragonès' government shares the ANC's skepticism of the talks with Madrid. Its leadership has publicly talked about leaving the government unless there is a stronaer plan of action to force independence.

But no one, not the ANC or the more radical separatist parties, seem to be able to articulate exactly how they can achieve independence if not via an authorized referendum. The 2017 bid was based on an unauthorized referendum on independence, and that only got the separatists into legal problems.

Historian Enric Ucelay-Da Cal, author of several books on Catalonia and its separatist movement, says this marks the low point of the current push.

"I think the whole movement is out on a limb." Ucelay-Da Cal told the AP. "I don't see the association movement being able to lead any better than the parties have done, because none of them are facing the real facts. They are not sizing up who they are. They are saying 'we are everybody."

He said the movement's splintering is "just a hangover: you had the party and it didn't work out."



Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro speaks during a ceremony marking the start of the judicial year at the Supreme Court in Caracas, Venezuela, Jan. 22, 2021.

Associated Press

 The Venezuelan government defended the

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) citizens, rejecting an earlier statement from the Department of State marking detention of United States the two-year confinement

Venezuelan government defends detention of U.S. nationals

of a Marine veteran.

The government of President Nicolás Maduro said in a statement late Saturday it will continue to ened the "spaces and chaning on issues" relevant to their bilateral relationship. "It is unfortunate that the authorities of the United States insist on their claim to confer an unacceptable immunity or letter of marque to their nationals, in absolute disregard for

the sovereignty and selfdetermination of peoples," according to the statement.

The government's comforce its laws and reiterat- ment came a day after the State Department said nels" opened with the U.S. it would continue to press "in search of understand- Maduro "for the immedi- In March, Maduro's govate and unconditional re- ernment freed two Amerilease" of Matthew Heath cans following a surprise and other U.S. citizens it trip to Venezuela's capital, considers wrongfully detained in Venezuela.

> ing five oil executives and three veterans, are detained in Venezuela. Unit-

ed Nations officials have long complained about the lack of independence of Venezuelan judges and prosecutors and about conditions at the facility where several Americans are being held.

Caracas, by senior White House and State Depart-At least 10 men, includ- ment officials. A subsequent trip in June did not result in the release of any detainees.





Minister of Education met with UNHCR, HIAS and IOM Regarding Education in Aruba

ORANJESTAD – Last Thursday, minister of Education and Sport, Mr. Endy Croes held an interesting meeting with UNHCR, HIAS and IOM. The meeting was requested by the NGOs in order to discuss topics related to immigrant children residing in Aruba, who are an active part of our Education system.

The objective of the meeting, according to a press release, was also for the NGOs to inform the Government of Aruba as well as the minister of Education and Sport regarding the assistance and help that they offer, both to immigrant families with children and to local families in need of support.

Present at this meeting was Mrs. Hezaker Goze Ozdemir, Protection Officer/ Head of Office of UNHCR



Aruba and Curaçao, Mr. Brandon Arends, Project Coordinator for HIAS, and Mrs. Adailyn Gonzalez, Legal Advisor for IOM.

The three NGOs are doing synchronized work and are focused on helping undocumented migrants in order that they too can prosper in life, as well as providing assistance in various ways.

Minister Endy Croes indicated that the meeting was focused on the aspect of Education for the group of children who are undocumented or do not have legal documents, so that they can also receive an opportunity for education, in order to help them develop in life and prosper, be it in Aruba or somewhere else.

The minister expressed that a lot of interesting points were brought forward, not only regarding the support that the NGOs are giving to help the children find a school, be recognized and accepted at a school. The NGOs have programs for the government, in this



case regarding education, so that concrete agreements can be reached regarding the most effective way to deal with this matter in a structural way in the near future.

Minister Endy Croes indicated that he will work together with minister of Labor, Mr. Glenbert Croes on a joint policy to deal with integration of immigrant children into education.

The NGOs showed appreciation to the government of Aruba because they are

abiding by agreements regarding children's rights conventions, namely by making education accessible for them. This doesn't always happen in every country, including in our region, according to the press release.

To finalize, Mr. Endy Croes expressed that it was a good meeting, very interesting, and he will maintain good communication with the NGOs with the intention of working together. "Education is the key to the future."

Minister of Nature in meetings to outline spearfishing policy

ORANJESTAD – Recently, minister of Nature, Mr. Ursell Arends held meetings with representatives of spear fishermen groups regarding their collaboration to reach a new policy regarding spearfishing.

During a few weeks already, the ministry of Nature is attending various meetings during which knowledge is exchanged, and proposals are brought forward as well, in order to arrive to a policy where the practice of spearfishing and nature conservation can be in harmonious balance, according to a press release.

For this latest meeting, various departments were invited to be present, including DLVV (Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Market Halls Department; Santa Rosa), DNM (Department of Nature and Environment), FPNA (Aruba National Park Foundation) and Coast-





guard. Involving all stakeholders who deal directly with the practice and effects of spearfishing assures joint efforts to reach a definitive policy which must regulate by law, and thus ensure that spearfishing can take place in a controlled, regulated and sustainable manner

The minister of Nature said he will continue with the meetings in the following weeks, where he will continue outlining, among other things, the permit process and the rules for the practice, so that soon the policy can be announced.

Minister Arends thanks all stake-holders and particularly a group of spear fishermen who attended these meetings, sharing their knowledge and experience which contributes to healthy and constructive discussions, with a focus on common goals.





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NOORD — We are in 2022. It's been a wild ride with Covid-19 and we all are aiming for a change of routine. We simply want to "live" life again. "It is time for living your dream," as the quote says at Aruba Living Today's office. "We are ten plus years in business, and I am proud to say that all our clients stuck with us. We are no part of a big company, we keep it small, personal, and real. Because you are not a number, no sales target either and certainly your name is not commission. Our responsibility is to make your dream come true," says owner Randolph Arends.

From human to human

If you have decided to buy a house or rent one for vacation in Aruba and you are looking for that match, the question now is how to click with a person that offers a personal touch? One who pays genuine attention and has sincere interest in what you want? This different approach to real estate is what sets Aruba Living Today apart, and the reason Randolph calls himself a property mediator instead of a real estate broker. "The personal

touch is essential to me. I am stepping aside of the image that real estate brokers are only in for the commission. This image does not fit me at all, I am in for my passion, and I can only do this from the heart."

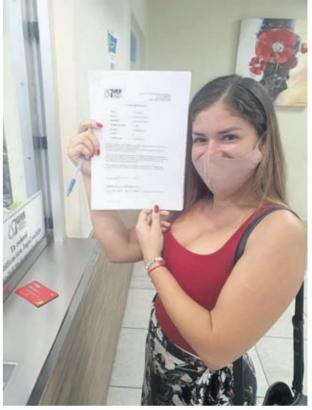
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Services offered by Aruba Living Today are House and Land Sales, Rentals, Investments, Property Management, Vacation Rental, Mortgages, Insurances, Maintenance, Assist in Arrangements for Notary and Utilities, Guiding Bureaucracy Process and Assisting in Import of Furniture. Randolph and his business partner Berend Prenger are a fantastic, experienced duo, each of them specialists in the field. Berend is also a certified appraiser within the Dutch Kingdom meaning he does your appraisal report that is accepted by all banks and he delivers within three days. "This definitely speeds up the process of buying," Prenger adds.

You are welcome to meet in person

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Aruban house, welcoming you in a warm ambiance that emphasizes the philosophy of connecting. Candles, Buddha ornaments and a homey setting form the décor for you to sit and talk about your dream house or investment. "My goal was to do real estate in a different way when I established this company June 1st 2009. Not from the perspective of only selling, but to look for the perfect match between dream house and client. My philosophy is: it will only work when all involved are happy and connected by that personal touch."

Aruba Living Today caters for both local and foreign market divided into 40 % local buyers and 60 % foreign buyers. "Our customers come from Holland, Belgium, Norway, Germany, UK, Russia, Latin America, United States and Canada. We are widely covered and thus provable good with different cultures, also we speak four languages." Besides that, Aruba Living Today is open to every budget, they have listings for all category buyers. As a member of the Aruban Real Estate Association, they are listed also on the website www. arubalisting.com within a group of 20 of the most advanced realtors on the island. Aruba Living Today is featured on House Hunters, social media, Aruba Living Today and of course in Aruba Today's newspaper.

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Governor Boekhoudt pays a working visit to Bonaire





Oranjestad - On Sunday afternoon, September 4, the Governor of Aruba, H.E. Alfonso Boekhoudt, traveled to Bonaire for a working visit.

On Monday, September 5, the Governor was received by Mr. Albert Crestian, Park Ranger of STINAPA, for a tour of the Washington Slagbaai National Park.

There the Governor was informed about the ambitious ecological restoration program STINAPA is implementing in Slagbaai in cooperation with the Public Entity Bonaire. The goal is to remove all invasive grazers from the protected area.

That same evening Governor Boekhoudt attended the reception at the official residence of the Governor of Bonaire, Mr. Edison Rijna.

As part of Dia di Boneiro, the Governor attended the solemn gathering in the Island Council the next morning, followed by the protocol ceremony at the Wilhelminaplein.

Successful Cultural Parade in connection with the day of Brazil



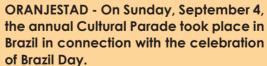












This year the Chico Harms Foundation organized the 10th edition of the Culthis year it was organized by the Chico the spectacular ambiance. Harms Foundation and the Pro-Culture a parade full of ambiance and music.

de Bario Brazil, went through the streets Cultural Parade so successful.



of Brazil and its neighborhood, and ended at the Centro de Bario Brazil. A total of 8 groups, with more than 1,000 people, participated in this parade. All the spectators, from adults to children, enjoyed the ambiance and danced to the rhythm of cultural music. What stood out tural Parade. They did not hold the pa- a lot in this Cultural Parade was the crerade in 2020 due to the pandemic, but ativity, the colors, and, without a doubt,

Foundation, who knew how to organize
The Government congratulates Mr. Chico Harms of the Chico Harms Foundation, Pro-Culture Foundation, volunteers, The parade left at 3 pm from the Centro and all who contributed to making the



Aruba's underwater wonderland

ORANJESTAD - Exploring the underwater wonders is something you should definitely do during your stay in Aruba. The underwater world has everything to offer that makes a snorkel trip so exceptional; an impressive, colorful sea life with exotic fishes, turtles and beautiful coral reef. The historic shipwrecks, located on the Aruban seabed are

also worth a visit. Aruba is known for its white beaches and blue oceans, which means there are many fascinating under water spots, where you can take your snorkeling gear and we selected the top spots for you.

Tres Trapi

Tres Trapi means tree steps in Papiamento, Papiamen-

the official language spoken on Aruba. The beach is called Tres Trapi because it is accessible by the tree steps carved into the rocks. Tres Trapi is a small rocky beach, located on the north-western side of the island, approximately 5 to 10 minute drive from Palm Beach. From the unique steps you can easily walk over the beach into the clear and turquoise blue ocean. While snorkeling you will encounter all kind of tropical fishes and sea stars. The kind of starfish you will find in the Aruban waters is the red cushion sea star. This is a starfish that is commonly found in the shallow waters of the Caribbean sea and if you are lucky during your snorkeling visit to Tres Trapi, you may come across one of the green sea turtles. Respect the animal, keep your distance and enjoy the view. Also remember; it is a once in a life time experience.

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Antilla shipwreck

Antilla is a 400-foot-long long ship, built in 1939 in Hamburg, Germany. Antilla came to Aruba, because it had to find a neutral port. When Germany invaded the Netherlands on May 10, 1940, the crew decided to let their own ship sink, to prevent it from falling into the hands of the Dutch Navy. Antilla lies on its portside in Malmok bay, and the sunken word war two ship is now one of Aruba's most popular snorkeling and dive spots. However, the ship wreck can only be reached by boat. The ship is visible from the surface

beach, with a crystal blue ocean. The beach is located on the southern part of the island. On the way to the famous beach, you will drive through the old capital of Aruba, San Nicolas. The old Aruban culture can be still felt and experienced here, so do not hesitate to get out of your car and walk around for a while. Baby beach is a child friendly beach, since it is shallow and the water has a pleasant temperature. The name therefore fits well with the beach.

Mangel Halto beach is located in Savaneta, on the

Outside the bay is a bit more challenging for beginners because of the wind and the waves, but the coral is alive and it is just like snorkel heaven.





Baby Beach

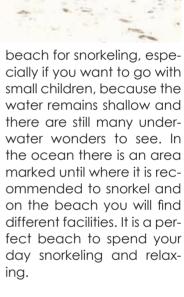
Baby beach; a white Baby beach is an excellent

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hundreds of tropical fishes,

but the ship wreck alone is

already impressive enough.



Mangel Halto

southern-west part of the island. The beach is different from the other beaches in Aruba; it is beach full of mangroves. You reach the beach by a bridge through the mangroves and then you will have several entrances to the sea. There are diverse spots where you can enjoy a perfect beach day, wooden stairs made to enter the water and a dock to sit on and enjoy the view. Mangel Halto is also worth a visit for the snorkeling experience. Inside the bay, the water is clear and you find many colorful fish.





Planned Parenthood Aruba continues expanding its services to teenagers and adults

To give better guidance for sexual health

ORANJESTAD – The role of Planned Parenthood Aruba remains important to continue the conversation and to provide information, but at the end of the day, it's up to the person receiving the information. For the foundation, it is important that the community has the tools and information regarding themes and various aspects of sexual and reproductive health. The foundation is focusing greatly on education for the following period, and from 2023 onwards, to continue creating a good connection and understanding with its clients.

The vision of Planned Parenthood Aruba when they began their rebranding was to focus more on having a connection and trust with their clients, something they consider very important. Planned Parenthood isn't there to impose what you can or cannot do. Oftentimes, the local community views the foundation – which works on prevention and safety – as a sexual act; but sexuality is much wider subject, according to the foundation's director.

However, if you want to confront merely the subject of the sexual act, it is something natural in the life of each human being, a fundamental right. It must be something pleasurable, and in order for it to be this way for each person, the foundation wants to help and inform each client so that they can avoid risks and negative consequences. "For it to remain as a pleasurable act for you, if you want to focus only on the sexual act – because sexuality is much wider and for us it is important to continue educating and being a support for our clients", director of Planned Parenthood Aruba, Evelyn Ras-Yarzagaray said.

The problem with 'nudes'

Because of their focus on education, their visits at school maintains the objective of being interactive. Nowadays, you cannot simply say, for example, "don't send a naked video or picture to anyone", the director explains, because this is up to each person. However, it is good to highlight the consequences on the short and long terms.

This is the role that the community must understand belongs to Planned Parenthood, that indeed they are in charge of giving assistance to each school primarily. When a situation presents, for example of a teenager who is sending naked pictures, the school can contact the foundation so that they can intervene and help. "But sometimes you need to see why the person is making certain decisions. There are times it goes deeper. So it's about creating a relationship with the person in question, contact and creating trust in order to continue providing guidance and explaining the associated risks with the action."

There are things that people tend to forget, but in the past it was the case that there are these types of video or images that until today are still damaging people in the local community.



This is highlighted as an example for teenagers to know that in the future, in wherever field they want to become active, they need to be aware on how damaging something like this can be in such a small community.

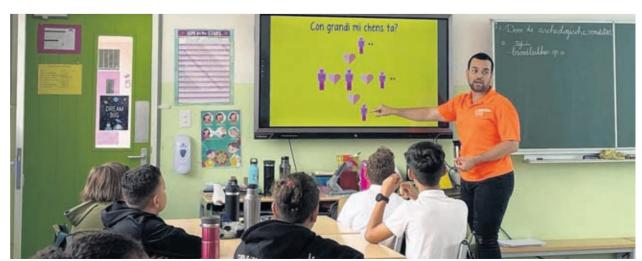
The director explains that during the month of September, every year since 2007, the United Nations and the World Health Organization proclaimed this month as a month of awareness for sexual and reproductive health. Planned Parenthood Aruba is joining this movement and focusing on awareness in the context of work and projects they have carried out since 2007.

This is an opportunity to focus not only on the products they offer, but also on the aspect of sexual health as a whole, including hygiene and other aspects which, while covered in school, can benefit from a stronger connection to the client in order to improve the guidance giving to them.

"For them to give us feedback of the products

that they use and the services they are receiving, and this not only for the clients one-on-one. We go back to the schools as well to see how we can improve the work we are doing for the community, to improve the quality also of sexual and reproductive health", Mrs. Ras-Yarzagaray commented.

Since 1970, Planned Parenthood Aruba is focused exclusively on prevention. As it is known, the birth control that they offer is focused not only on avoiding unwanted pregnancies, but also sexually transmitted diseases, which are also seeing an uptick. During this year, the foundation said it is focusing more on education, to teach more in depth regarding sexual health, and to give more attention on how the body is put together as well as the emotional aspects, to see how they are going to put together an education package for the schools, for example. This way, when the services of Planned Parenthood Aruba are required, teenagers and adults already know what the foundation is all about.





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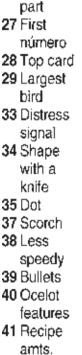
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As small businesses raise prices, some customers push back

By MAE ANDERSON **AP Business Writer**

NEW YORK (AP) — Inflation isn't only costing small businesses money. It's costing them customers as well.

At the Bushwick Grind Cafe in Brooklyn, New York, Kymme Williams-Davis has raised prices and switched to different types of goods to keep up with the rising costs of milk, coffee, paper goods and plastic, as well as shortages of items such as paper cups and plastic lids. She hasn't experienced anything like this since opening in 2015.

Williams-Davis says she has lost nearly half of her regular customers. Some have traded down and are buying coffee for \$1 at the McDonald's or bodega on either side of the café instead of paying the \$3 she charges.

"If (customers) can get it for a dollar for not that notable of a difference, they're going next door."

One customer who had been coming in for years stopped in to tell Williams-Davis he bought himself a coffeemaker.

"He said I'm going to start making coffee at home, I need to budget, so I won't be coming in here every day," she said. "I feel like I've been on a goodbye campaign."

Inflation has been rising at nearly the fastest pace in 40 years, driven up by strong consumer spending and higher costs for food, rent, medical care, and other necessities.

On Tuesday, the government is expected to report that price increases slowed in August compared with a year ago, largely because of a steady drop in the cost of gas. Prices for other items, particularly food, are likely to keep rising quickly. Overall, economists forecast consumer prices rose 8.1% in August, compared with a year ago, down from 8.5% in July, according to data provider FactSet.

For much of the pandemic, small business customers were largely tolerant of price increases and kept



Kim Shanahan, who operates online store Gifts Fulfilled, stacks Get Well Soon boxes in her shop, Thursday, Sept. 8, 2022, in Berlin, Md.

Associated Press

on spending. But now owners say they're seeing some pushback.

Ninety-seven percent of small business owners say inflationary pressure is the same or worse than it was three months ago, according to a survey of more than 1,500 small businesses by Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Business Voices. Sixtyfive percent have raised prices to offset higher costs. And 38% say they've seen a decline in customer demand due to price increases. Nicole Miskelley, who manages PMR, an auto and diesel repair shop in Marion, Illinois, said she has seen customers delay repairs that aren't urgent such as scheduled maintenance or getting new tires. At the beginning of the year, Miskelley's labor costs rose 12% and the cost of towing cars to the shop went up due to higher gas prices. Parts are more expensive too. Last year, an air conditioner processor would cost her \$200, but this year she can't find one for under \$400. So, she's had to raise her average price for a repair by 30% to

Her customers have noticed.

"Typically, I am able to joke about how drastically different things are now and most agree with me," she said. "On occasion, I deal with push back," including the rare bout of yelling or cursing by a customer.

"Among a lot of my older customers, who are on down, she said.

restricted income like Social Security, they say they have to cut back," she said. "They say, 'I know I need these tires, but I need to make a couple more rounds (of Social Security) to save up."

She says she's a little worried but hopes people can adjust to inflation.

"Right now, it kind of sucks because costs increased faster than I could catch up with. In time, I hope people budget better and their incomes change to reflect the economy."

The pullback is more dramatic among consumers with less discretionary income. Walmart says its customers, who tend to have lower incomes, are spending more on food and less on other items. Small business owners are seeing much of the same.

Kim Shanahan operates the online store Gifts Fulfilled in Berlin, Maryland, which sells gift baskets and care packages and employs people with disabilities.

"Last year has been challenging to say the least," she said. "All prices across the board have gone up." Everything from cardboard, containers and the food that she includes in the baskets have become more expensive.

She implemented a 5% increase to cover some costs. After she raised the price of her most popular get-well gift basket called "One Tough Cookie," from \$27.50 to \$28.95, sales went

U.S. may expand monkeypox vaccine eligibility to men with HIV



A vial containing the monkeypox vaccine and a syringe is set on the table at a vaccination clinic run by the Mecklenburg County Public Health Department in Charlotte, N.C., Saturday, Aug. 20, 2022.

Associated Press

By MIKE STOBBE **AP Medical Writer**

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. ofare considering broadening recommendations for who gets vaccinated against monkeypox, possibly to include many men with HIV or those recently diagnosed with other sexually transmitted diseases.

Driving the discussion is a study released Thursday showing that a higherthan-expected share of monkeypox infections are in people with other sexually transmitted infections. Dr. John T. Brooks, chief medical officer for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's monkeypox outbreak response,

said the report represents a

Downtown

"call to action."

Brooks told The Associated Press on Thursday that he expected vaccine recommendations to expand and that "the White House, together with CDC, are working on a plan for what that will look like."

Currently, the CDC recommends the vaccine to people who are a close contact of someone who has monkeypox; people who know a sexual partner was diagnosed in the past two weeks; and gay or bisexual men who had multiple sexual partners in the last two weeks in an area with known virus spread.

Shots are also recommended for health care workers at high risk of exposure.

The vast majority of monkeypox cases are in men who have sex with men who reported close contact with an infected person during sex. But the new CDC report suggested infections in people with HIV and other STDs may be a bigger issue then previously realized.

It found 38% of those with monkeypox infections had been diagnosed with HIV, far higher than their share of the population among men who have sex with

The study also found that 41% of monkeypox patients had been diagnosed with an STD in the preceding year. And about 10% of those patients had been diagnosed with three or more different STDs in the prior year.

There were racial differences. More than 60% of Black Americans with monkeypox had HIV, compared with 41% of Hispanic people, 28% of whites and 22% of Asians.

Jason Farley, an infectious



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disease expert at the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing, said men of color who have sex with men should be at the front of the line for monkeypox vaccine doses.

Within those racial and ethnic groups, the next priority should be anyone living with HIV or was recently diagnosed with a STD, he said.



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Wilson's double-double leads Aces to 67-64 win over Sun

W.G. RAMIREZ Associated Press

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A'ja Wilson had 24 points and 11 rebounds and the Las Vegas Aces beat the Connecticut Sun 67-64 on Sunday in Game 1 of the WNBA Finals. The Aces staved off a late run by the Sun, who nearly erased a seven-point deficit with 1:24 left when Alyssa Thomas hit backto-back shots to pull Connecticut within three. But DeWanna Bonner's desperation 3-point attempt to tie the game fell short as time expired.

Chelsea Gray finished with 21 points for Las Vegas, while Jackie Young chipped in 11 as the franchise won their first WNBA Finals game in franchise history. They had been swept in 2008 when the team was in San Antonio and lost in three games in 2020.

"Coming from being swept and actually getting one. Pretty happy about this one," Wilson said. "Not going to dwell on it long as we have a really tough Game 2 coming up."

After squandering a firstquarter lead, and allowing the Sun to control the second and carry momentum in the third, the Aces outscored Connecticut 13-3 to



Las Vegas Aces forward A'ja Wilson (22) posts up for a shot over Connecticut Sun center Brionna Jones during the first half in Game 1 of a WNBA basketball final playoff series Sunday, Sept. 11, 2022, in Las Vegas.

close the third quarter and seize momentum for the final period before a frenzied record sold out gathering of 10,135.

Thomas led Connecticut with 19 points and 11 rebounds. Jonquel Jones added 15 points, Brionna Jones came off the bench to score 12 and Natasha Hiedeman contributed with 10.

Dearica Hamby came off the bench a bit past the midway point of the third quarter and provided an immediate spark for the Aces with a pair of offensive rebounds, a put back under the basket, two assists and a steal, as the Aces clawed their way back to turn a six-point point deficit into a two-point lead heading into the final period. Hamby missed the final month of the regular season with a knee injury.

She didn't play in the first round of the playoffs and was used sparingly in the final two games of the semifinals.

Associated Press

The Aces set the tone early by taking a 12-5 lead with Wilson leading the charge by scoring six of their points. Wilson scored 12 of her points in the first quarter, as Las Vegas shot 56.3% (9 of 16) from the floor. Connecticut finished the opening quarter hitting 8 of 18 (47.6%).

And while the Aces were 5 of 7 from the free-throw line, the Sun didn't have

one attempt in the period. The Sun wasted no time in getting back into the game, opening the second quarter by scoring the first six points to pull within two, and eventually took a one-point lead at 30-29 behind 13-4 run. The Aces shot a dreadful 3 for 15 (20%) and was outscored 21-9 in the second quarter.

The Sun finished 9 of 14 (64.2%) in the quarter and hit 17 of 42 (40.4%) in the first half.

"We can't let them get rockin' and rollin' like that," Wilson said.

COURTSIDE CLUB

In attendance for Game 1 included Vegas Golden Knights defenseman Shea Theodore, Miami Heat guard Kyle Lowry, Memphis Grizzlies guard Ja Morant, free agent DeMarcus Cousins and Los Angeles Clippers coach Ty Lue.

EXHIBITION, EH?

Commissioner Cathy Engelbert announced during her pregame press conference that the WNBA will hold a preseason exhibition game in Canada next year with hopes of continuing global exposure for the league. This will be the first time since 2011 that the WNBA has played an international game.



Belgian Remco Evenepoel of Quick-Step Alpha Vinyl, center, celebrates with teammates after winning the Vuelta cycling race, in Madrid, Spain, Sunday, Sept. 11, 2022.

Associated Press

By TALES AZZONI AP Sports Writer

MADRID (AP) — Remco Evenepoel put some tough times behind him with the biggest win of his career on Sunday.

Two years ago, he was flying off a bridge in a horrific crash that left him hospitalized for several days. A year ago, his loyalty to teammates was being questioned by a cycling great. It was all forgotten as the 22-year-old Evenepoel from team Quick-Step Alpha Vinyl won the Spanish Vuelta for his first Grand Tour victory.

"It's history for team, for my country, for myself," Evene-

Evenepoel clinches Vuelta title to become Grand Tour winner

poel said. "I think we can be really proud of what we did the last three weeks."

It was a statement win for Evenepoel, who became the first Belgian to win a major three-week event since Johan De Muynck won the Giro d'Italia in 1978. It was also sweet redemption for his father, Patrick Evenepoel, who finished 113th of 114 riders in the Vuelta in 1993.

Evenepoel crossed the finish line one last time while wearing the leader's red jersey in Sunday's celebratory final stage through the streets of the Spanish capital, then got a hug and a kiss from his partner before raising his bicycle overhead in front of his teammates.

"Now it really sinks in, it's really official," he said. "Already yesterday the emotions were quite high. We were actually there but we still had to finish the race safe and in a good way. We enjoyed as much as possible and now we can really enjoy."

Colombian Juan Sebastian Molano of UAE Team Emirates won the closing 21st stage in Madrid, ahead of Mads Pedersen and Pascal Akermann.

Evenepoel, who held the red jersey since taking the lead in the sixth stage and overcame a hard crash in the 12th stage, had secured the victory by holding off Enric Mas and the rest of his challengers in the

last competitive stage on Saturday.

Evenepoel ended 2 minutes, 2 seconds ahead of Mas of team Movistar. Another Spaniard was third, with Juan Ayuso finishing nearly five minutes off the lead with UAE Team Emirates.

Evenepoel didn't have to worry about three-time defending champion Primoz Roglic, who had to retire because of injuries sustained in a crash near the end of the 16th stage. Also not contending at the end was 2018 Vuelta winner Simon Yates, who was one of the many riders who had to withdraw during the race because of positive coronavirus tests.



Pujols' 697th HR, moves into 4th, rallies Cards over Pirates

By JOHN PERROTTO **Associated Press**

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Albert Pujols hit his 697th home run, moving past Alex Rodriguez into fourth place on the career list and doing it in dramatic fashion with a ninth-inning drive that rallied the St. Louis Cardinals over the Pittsburgh Pirates 4-3 Sunday.

The NL Central-leading Cardinals trailed 2-1 when Pujols connected for a tworun drive. Pujols had tied Rodriguez with a home run Saturday night.

Pujols trails Barry Bonds (762), Hank Aaron (755) and Babe Ruth (714) on the all-time homer chart.

"There's impressive and then there's unbelievable," Cardinals manager Oliver Marmol said. "What we're witnessing right now is legendary. You have to take a step back from managing the game and take it all in. It's amazing."

In his chase for 700 homers, the 42-year-old Pujols has 21 games left in his 22nd and final season in the big leagues. He's hit 18 home runs this year.

"This opportunity only comes once and it's something that's a gift God has given me and I try to take advantage of it every single day," Pujols said. "I'm not only making memories for me but for the fans, my family and people who love me."

"At the end of the day, it's pretty awesome and we're playing great baseball and have a great group of teammates," he said.

The Cardinals went to the ninth inning trailing 2-0 but scored four runs off Chase DeJong (4-2).

Tommy Edman and Corey Dickerson led off with back-to-back doubles to produce the first run. Pujols followed with his homer to put the Cardinals on top.

One out after Pujols connected, Tyler O'Neil hit a solo shot to cap St. Louis' big inning.

The Cardinals won on a day when first baseman Paul Goldschmidt and third baseman Nolan Arenado, two NL MVP candidates, got the day off.

De Jong entered the game The Cardinals had been with a 19-inning scoreless streak.

"Really falling behind to a really good hitter," De Jong said of Pujols' home run. "I left a fastball over the middle of the plate. It should've been down. Stuff that was Edman had two hits to supposed to be up was down, and stuff that was supposed to be below the zone stayed in the zone. That's on me completely, and I have got to execute better in key situations like

Greg Allen's two-out home run in the bottom of the ninth drew the Pirates within 4-3. Ryan Helsley then got Ben Gamel to fly out for his 16th save.

Chris Stratton (8-4) retired both batters he faced.

shut out on three hits through the first eight inpoor execution nings but rallied for their eighth win in their last 11 games. The Pirates missed a chance to win their first series since sweeping Milwaukee from Aug. 2-4.

run his hitting streak to 13

Mitch Keller pitched seven scoreless innings for the Pirates, allowing just two singles. He struck out six and walked three.

The Cardinals' Jose Quintana pitched one-run ball over 5 1/3 innings. It was his first start against the Pirates since they traded him to St. Louis on Aug. 1.

Rookie Jack Suwinski homered in the seventh to give the Pirates a 2-0 lead. Oneil



St. Louis Cardinals' Albert Pujols (5) rounds third to greetings from third base coach Ron 'Pop' Warner after hitting a two-run home run off Pittsburgh Pirates starting pitcher J.T. Brubaker during the sixth inning of a baseball game in Pittsburgh, Saturday, Sept. 10,

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Cruz drove in the game's first run with a grounder in the third.

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